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### **Fatal Traffic Collision on New Riverside Drive**

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A one car crash occurred on Friday night at New Riverside Drive in Bluffton. The crash resulted in one 13 year old female being air lifted to Savannah Memorial Hospital to be treated for her injuries.

On Friday, October 12, 2012 at 8:30 p.m. a vehicle veered off the side of the roadway and struck a tree. An 18 year old male driver, Dalton McClintock, was operating the vehicle and lost control as he was traveling eastbound on New Riverside Drive. The vehicle spun around causing the rear driver side of the vehicle to strike a tree. McClintock and another 16 year old passenger were transported to Savannah Memorial Hospital where they were treated for minor injuries. The 13 year old juvenile was air lifted to Savannah Memorial Hospital for life threatening injuries. The 13 year old juvenile later died as a result of her injuries from the crash.

The Bluffton Police Department has requested the assistance from the Multi-Disciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) to help in the investigation of the collision. A reconstruction of the crash will be conducted to try and determine all factors that led up to the collision.